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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**SEALED CRIMINAL INDICTMENT**

**Case No.: 2:14-cr- 353**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH,  
ARDIS VANFOSSAN,  
CHAYPHET VORAVONG, and  
JOHN TACORDA**

**Defendants.**

**VIOLATIONS:**

21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1),(b)(1)(A),  
(b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(C) – Conspiracy to  
Distribute a Controlled Substance; 21 U.S.C.  
§§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A),(B) and (C) –  
Possession with Intent to Distribute a  
Controlled Substance and Distribution of a  
Controlled Substance;  
18 U.S.C. § 2 - Aiding and Abetting; and  
18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and (h) –  
Money Laundering Conspiracy

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

**COUNT ONE**

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance**

Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than on or about March 2013, and continuing  
up to and including October 29, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH,  
ARDIS VANFOSSAN,  
CHAYPHET VORAVONG  
and JOHN TACORDA,**

defendants herein, and others known and unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly and  
intentionally combine, conspire, confederate and agree with individuals known and unknown to

1 distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance,  
 2 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a  
 3 Schedule II controlled substance, a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of  
 4 marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable  
 5 amount of 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine ("MDMA"), a Schedule I controlled substance  
 6 all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii),  
 7 (b)(1)(B)(ii)(II), and (b)(1)(C) .

8 **COUNT TWO**

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance

9 On or about May 8, 2013, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

10 **SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH, and**  
 11 **ARDIS VANFOSSAN**

12 defendants herein, aiding and abetting one another, knowingly and intentionally possessed with  
 13 intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount  
 14 of cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers, a Schedule II  
 15 controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and  
 16 (b)(1)(B)(ii)(II) and Title 18 United States Code, Section 2.

17 **COUNT THREE**

Distribution a Controlled Substance

18 On or about May 14, 2013, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

19 **SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH, and**  
 20 **ARDIS VANFOSSAN**

21 defendants herein, aiding and abetting one another, knowingly and intentionally distributed 50  
 22 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of  
 23 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(viii).  
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**COUNT FOUR**

Distribution of a Controlled Substance

On or about July 23, 2013, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH,  
ARDIS VANFOSSAN, and  
CHAYPHET VORAVONG,**

defendants herein, aiding and abetting one another, knowingly and intentionally distributed a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

**COUNT FIVE**

Distribution of a Controlled Substance

On or about November 25, 2013, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH, and  
ARDIS VANFOSSAN**

defendants herein, aiding and abetting one another, knowingly and intentionally distributed 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

**COUNT SIX**

Distribution of a Controlled Substance

On or about January 30, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**CHAYPHET VORAVONG,**

defendant herein, knowingly and intentionally distributed 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(viii).

**COUNT SEVEN**

Distribution of a Controlled Substance

On or about July 15, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**JOHN TACORDA,**

defendant herein, knowingly and intentionally distributed a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

**COUNT EIGHT**

Distribution of a Controlled Substance

On or about October 14, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**CHAYPHET VORAVONG,**

defendant herein, knowingly and intentionally distributed 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(viii).

**COUNT NINE**

Money Laundering Conspiracy

Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than on or about May 2013, and continuing up to and including October 29, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,

**SALEUMKIAT KAYARATH,  
and ARDIS VANFOSSAN,**

defendants herein, knowing that the property involved in financial transactions, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(c)(4) and 1956(c)(3), affecting interstate commerce represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, did combine, conspire, and agree to conduct such financial transactions, which, in fact, involved proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance as charged in Count One of this

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1 Indictment, with the intent to promote the carrying on of the specified unlawful activity, in  
2 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i).

3 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

4 **DATED:** this 29th day of October, 2014.

5 **A TRUE BILL:**

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